

# **Vidya Prasarak Mandals B.N.Bandodkar College of Science,Thane 2019-2020**

## **Best Practice-2**

**Title:** Symposium organized as A unique tribute to Legendary leadership

**Objectives of the Practice:**

To have unique farewell to legendary dynamic leadership of principal

To host an event that is academically enriching and inspiring for fellow teachers and students.

**Context:** Honorable principal Dr. Mrs. M. K. Pejaver completed sixteen-year long tenure as the principal of the institute and was due for her retirement from the service in July 2019. She had been in service as a teacher since 1976. She graced the position of vice principal and then honored to become first lady principal of BNBCS. She had been involved in lot of Academic bodies in the Universities and also worked as first lady Dean, Science Faculty, University of Mumbai. She has been an active leader in many Non-Government Organizations. During her tenure the institution, she transformed the college positively. Her dynamic nature, decision making and risk taking yet optimistic nature led the college to receive many national and international accolades. To bid farewell to persona of such kind the faculties thought of saluting her contribution with a grand organization of unique symposium titled “Innovative Learning Ecosystem”. Panini auditorium of VPM BRIMS hosted the symposium and it was kept open to all.

**The practice:**

On July 5th 2019, Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology and YCMOU center for library science organized a symposium on ‘Innovative Learning Ecosystems’ as a tribute to successful tenure of honorable principal Dr. Mrs. M. K. Pejaver -who is A dedicated Teacher, an innovator and an enthusiast.

Three eminent speakers graced the occasion. Dr. Rajendra Barve, Consultant Psychiatrist, HRD Trainer & Mindfulness Acharya with his talk on learning styles and teaching outcomes, enlightened the audience by elaborating on Myers Briggs Type Indicators. He stressed upon identifying our own personality so that one can understand students’ personality which is utmost important for best learning outcome.

Dr. Milind Watve, Senior scientist from IISER, Pune took the audience through the journey of ‘The Science Katta’ the innovative concept introduced and practiced by him. It is open forum for discussions related to science by the students for the students but steered by the teacher. He elaborated how the hidden talents of undergraduates got unveiled through some casual unplanned discussion related to science and lead to research publications of great repute. He advised all to take less travelled roads to gain huge success. In last session Dr. V. N. Shrikhande, the stalwart from the field of surgery graced the last session and elaborated on ‘The Role of A Teacher As A Motivator’. He inspired the audience by sighting his own real-life examples of tackling the challenges he faced during his career in medicine.

**Impact of Practice / Evidence of Success:**

Total 120 participants comprising- teachers of the institute, principals and teachers from sister institutes, teachers from other institutes, alumni teachers, were inspired by the effective words of wisdom - all the three Elite contributors shared at the symposium.

Majority people appreciated the unique hosting of this symposium as a tribute and farewell.

Few suggested that events like this should be organized more frequently.

The students who attended the symposium were enriched with the knowledge and received many take-home messages that would guide them throughout their life.

A priceless resource has been created in the institute's repository, in the form of The AV recordings that would guide future student generations.

**Resources required and Problems encountered:**

For organizing this unique tributary event the wheels started rolling almost 9 months prior. The event was thought to be organized in collaboration and instantly immense help got offered through Department of Library who second this idea and thought to work together. A lot of brainstorming required for framing out the thrust area which can be selected as theme for symposium to match the interests of the veteran teacher and the anticipated participants. The Librarian, Ms. Kadambari Manjrekar worked enthusiastically to have the collaboration with YCMOU center of library sciences, for this event.

After shortlisting the topic to be addressed, and carving the theme of the symposium the next challenge was finding the resource persons. However, all three iconic personalities were more than happy accepting our request and agreed to grace the occasion. Organizing committee members on their own shared the responsibilities of Arranging the venue, Media coverage, generating AV resource, making the preamble and flyers, Banner making. All the Teaching and non- teaching Staff from Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology, Department of Library worked closely to make the event grand success.